

Amendment
Application No. 09/957,470
Attorney Docket No. 010871

REMARKS

Claims 19-23, 30, 31, 33 and 34 are pending. Claim 19 is amended and claim 32 is canceled.

Claim 19 has been amended substantially in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in Item 7 of the Office Action dated April 18, 2006. Accordingly, claim 32 is canceled.

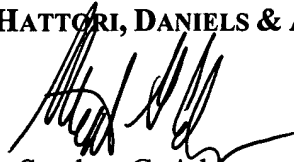
An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information cited therein.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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